

*WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Monday, February 1, 2016, to review the Proposal to Dredge Greenbelt Lake Forebays.*

*Mayor Jordan started the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.*

*PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan. Mr. Putens arrived at 9:01pm.*

*STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; Terri Hruby, Assistant Director of Planning; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.*

*ALSO PRESENT WERE: Ken Dunn, Soltesz Engineering; Neil Weinsten, Center for Low Impact Development; Pete Littleton and Tasha Brokenberry, Corvias; and Diane Oberg, News Review.*

*Terri Hruby explained that the dredging of the forebays is an unfunded capital project that has been identified by two City environmental consultants as needed to address the sediment loads within the forebays and to restore the functionality of the forebays. She said that Soltesz is working with the Clean Water Partnership (CWP) to help Prince George's County meet its required stormwater management retrofit goals and has proposed for the County to dredge and maintain the two existing forebays at Greenbelt Lake. Ms. Hruby said that the project, which will be fully funded by the County's Stormwater fee, will assist the County in meeting its Environmental Protection Agency pollutant reduction goals while improving the overall water quality of Greenbelt Lake. She added that the County would be responsible for maintenance of the forebays for the next 30 years if the proposal is accepted.*

*Ms. Hruby reviewed the scope of project and the survey work that has been done by Soltesz. She said the dredging of the Greenbelt Lake forebays is needed and staff believes the opportunity being presented by the CWP represents a win-win for the City and the County. Ms. Hruby said the City has an obligation to maintain the functionality of the forebays and the cost to do so is significant.*

*Mr. Roberts said the CWP should be focused on projects to deal with the large numbers of asphalt parking lots in the County. Mr. Littleton explained there are many plans to do this type of work throughout the County on public and some faith based properties but noted it is challenging to do work on private property. He said they are looking to identify more sites in municipalities throughout the County.*

*Mr. Roberts said he doesn't see the proposed project as providing a long term positive impact. He expressed concern with the negative impact the project will have on the beaver(s), the beaver dam and trees.*

*Mr. Dunn provided a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the project plans. He explained they are seeking Council's conditional approval for the submittal of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Wetland permit application and the sediment erosion control plans to the Soil Conservation District. Mr. Dunn said allowing the permits and plans to be submitted to the regulatory agencies now will provide an opportunity for environmental and wildlife issues to*

*be identified by the reviewing agencies. He noted that as long as the permitting process goes well, the project will likely begin in April and will take approximately three (3) months to complete.*

*Ms. Davis spoke in support of the project but noted that April is nesting time for turtles, tadpoles, etc. Mr. Weinstein said when the project plans go to MDE for review, MDE will inspect and consider wildlife conditions. He said it was very likely that MDE would put a condition on approval, such as no work during specific time periods to protect nests, etc. Ms. Davis asked if sticks can be left on-site so the beaver(s) will not have to find new sticks. Mr. Weinstein said yes.*

*Mr. Roberts asked why the large pumps that are used for beach replenishment and canal projects couldn't be used to pump out sediment in the lake. Mr. Weinstein explained that these types of pumps require a very large space and a larger body of water than what is available at the lake.*

*Mr. Roberts suggested the plans be reviewed by the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB). Mr. Herling agreed. Ms. Mach suggested GreenACES and PRAB meet jointly to review the plans. Ms. Pope noted the need to have the review done as soon as possible.*

*In response to a question from Ms. Mach, Mr. Weinstein said the construction project team will work its schedule around events scheduled at Buddy Attick Park.*

*Mayor Jordan asked when the dredging would be done as part of the City's work plan if Council did not accept this proposal. Mr. McLaughlin said he viewed the forebay project as being part of the lake dredging project and the cost estimate was \$1 million five years ago. He said it continues to be one of the highest priority projects if funding can be found, but said he doesn't see it being funded through the use of City funds for the next 10 years.*

*Mr. Roberts suggested the CWP consider work on the concrete spillway through Stream Valley Park to address the stormwater runoff. Mr. Dunn said he would have that area evaluated.*

*Mr. Putens suggested having information posted on the project site explaining the project, its timeline and a brief description of the work to be done. Mr. Littleton said this could be done.*

*After further discussion, Council requested this item be included on the agenda for its February 8, 2016, meeting.*

### *Council Reports*

*Ms. Davis reported on Roosevelt Center Merchants Association meeting.*

*Mayor Jordan reported on the Board of Directors meeting for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG).*

*Ms. Davis reported on the COG Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee meeting.*

### *Informational Items*

*Several informational items were discussed.*

*The meeting ended at 10:28 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Cindy Murray  
City Clerk*

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